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DEVELOPMENT (195 2.) Department.

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G.O. No. 3164.

Dated 23rd July 1952.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition - Examinations - Departmental tests - Excise Department Tests - Test C (Excise Manual) - Abolition - Orders passed.

(ABSTRACT)

PROHIBITION --- Examinations - Departmental Tests -- Excise Department Tests - Test C (Excise Manual) - Abolition - Orders Passed.

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To

The Board of Revenue (Excise)
The Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission.
The Public (Service)-Department.
The Accountant General, Madras.

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Superintendent.

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NOTE FILE.

To A.S.

Please see the orders in circulation at p. 14 above. This may be ever ~~kkk~~ lie over till 20-4-1952.

S.G.A.
8--4--52.

To A.S

ORDERS ABOVE.

The file deals with the question of abolition of Test G. Excise Manual' which is prescribed for the Officers of the Prohibition Deptt. vide para 2 at page 2 above for details.

2. In view of the extension of Prohibition throughout the State, the Board of Revenue (Excise) has recommended that the Test G Excise Manual which deals purely with the administration of Abkari Act (Madras Act I of 1886) and which is not necessary for the Prohibition Deptt. may be abolished. The Board has also stated that a new test in its place could be prescribed only after a manual for the Prohibition Deptt. is compiled. This Deptt. has agreed with the Board's recommendation to abolish Test ~~IG~~ Excise Manual, subject to the condition that when a new test in the Prohibition Manual is prescribed later on, the existing members of the staff who are at present required to pass Test ~~E~~ ~~SE~~ 'G' Excise Manual, should not get any exemption from passing the new test under the 'Protection rights' in the service rules. Pub. (Ser.) have also agreed with the proposal. They have no objection to the issue of executive orders abolishing the test, the necessary amendments to the Service Rules being issued with retros-

retrospective effect later on (It is submitted in this connection that necessary draft amendments to the rules for this purpose and generally on account of total Prohibition in the State are under examination in a separate file. The proposal inthis file was also referred to the Madras Public Service Commission. The Commission has agreed to the abolition of the test. As regards the compilation of a 'Prohibition Manual' the Board has asked for certain additional staff for the purpose but has stated that the question may be taken up after a decision is reached on the general question of merger of the Prohibition Deptt. with the Police Deptt. It is subd. that the main file relating to the merger has been ordered to lie over till 15-5-52 for taking orders for the convening of a conference. It is proposed to accept the suggestion of the Board at 'X' above.

3. When the file was sent to Legal, they stated that there was no legal objection to the issue of executive orders at suggested at 'A' on p. 16 above. Legal have also drawn attention to the Central Finance Minister's speech dated 29th Decr. '51 so that it might be taken into consideration before issuing orders. In their opinion, if we are to go back on Prohibition in the Agency tracts, the Toda Reserves etc., there must be officials who have a knowledge of the Abkari Act. With reference to this point, the Board has stated that there will be men qualified in Test 'C' for the next ten years at least to man the posts in these areas. Even in the scheduled areas, there are no shops. The question of introduction of Prohibition in these areas has been ordered to lie over for the consideration

consideration by the Prohibition Committee which is proposed to be constituted later.

4. It in has also been ordered in circulation that the question of issuing the draft order abolishing the Test 'C' Excise Manual may lie over and that in respect of the general question raised in the speech of the Central Finance Minister that Prohibition is affecting the morale of the people and the finance of the Government the consideration might be left to the New Government as already stated by the Finance Minister in the State Assembly. The point for consideration now in this file is therefore, whether in view of the statement of the Board that qualified men will be available for ten years even though Test 'C' is abolished the draft order which is self explanatory may now issue. The pencil amendment to the draft at [illegible] on p.2 of draft with refce. to 'X' at p. 9 ante is for approval as the presumption is correct.

4. The file may now be circulated whether the draft order below may now issue. (Legal need not see again.)

S.M.A.
3--5--52.

S. Aruldoss,
Deputy Secy. to Govt.
3--5--52.

May agree to the issue of executive instructions that test 'C' which relates to the administration of the Abkari Act may not continue to be prescribed for officers in the Prohibition Department. In its places another test relating to prohibition will be introduced as soon as the Prohibition Manual is completed.

the Prohibition Manual is complied.

J.M. Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Govt.
14-7-52.

M (Pro.)-V.C. Palaniswami Gounder,
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